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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

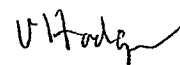
## 2. FURTHER ACTION

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If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
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International application No.

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**Box No. I Basis of this opinion**

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
- ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ on paper
- ☐ in electronic form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
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4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-12</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-12</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

**2. Citations and explanations:**

Claim 1-12 novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 1,488,090 as being anticipated by Buhr. Buhr shows in Figures 1-14 and describes in the specification a skirting board (conduit baseboard) comprising of a base profile (5) and guard profile (17). The guard profile (17) has a protruding portion (23) that interfaces with the receiving portion (7,13) of the base profile (5) and a curved portion (18). The guard profile (17) is shown in figure 3 to have a one open space with a deflecting arm (19) and curved portion (18) to provide a finish corner produced by a floor (4) and a wall (1). The skirting board that has a space to receive a cable and has a portion with a surface (7 or 13) to receive the guard profile (17). The protruding portion (7 or 13) has an interface portion adapted to interface with one oblique surface (19 or 23). The base profile (5) has a plurality of openings for attachment to the base profile (5).

The skirting board has a open base profile (5) and is fastened in it by means of two web guard profiles (13 and 17) where the guard profile (17) has a long and short arm (19 and 23) bended to be connected where the open base profile is a trapezoidal in shaped (cross-section view), wherein the guard profile (17) has narrowing at the outer edges (19 and 23) being limited with two oblique surfaces (7 and 12), and an outwardly deflected arm (19) of the guard profile (17) able to be connected to the shaped edges of each profiles (base (5) and guard (17)). An arm (8) of the base profile (5) is swept out at its outer end. The base profile (5) is shown to have a series of ports or openings.

The skirting system (conduit baseboard) is shown in Figures 1, 5 and 6 to have longitudinal shirting and joint elements of two jointing separate elements (13 and 17) with ability to form an inner corner and outer corner connection. The two web bars (13 and 17) are fixed at different levels able to receive the guard profile (17) with upward and downward motion with the arched tailpiece (18 and 19) that is outwardly deflected.